

EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE  
CONFIRMATION HEARING  
VICE-CHAIRMAN JOHN W. BETKOSKI, III  
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Good day Senator Duff, Representative Janowski, Senator Looney, Senator Fasano, Senator Kane, Representative Vargas, Representative Buck-Taylor and members of the Executive Legislative Nominations Committee. I am very grateful for the opportunity to appear before you today to affirm and speak to my desire to continue to serve as a Commissioner of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority.

By way of background, I am a lifelong Connecticut resident. I held several executive level positions at non-profit agencies, while also representing the 105<sup>th</sup> District the General Assembly from 1987 to 1997.

I joined the Department of Public Utility Control in 1997 and was elected its Vice Chairman in 2007. Governor Malloy in 2012 honored me with a reappointment to PURA for a term that expires at the end of June this year. My tenure in this role makes me PURA's most experienced commissioner.

My varied, extensive service and institutional memory are valuable to PURA's work given the breadth and depth of challenges the Authority faces in electricity, natural gas, water and telecommunications work. In particular, I have been recognized as a national expert in water regulatory issues.

I possess strong professional credentials to continue to serve in this position. I have established an excellent service record through my work at PURA (and its predecessor agency).

On the regional level, I am a past President of the New England Conference of Public Utility Commissioners, through which I have

developed an extensive network of productive contacts among the New England regulatory community.

On the national level, I serve on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, and am the past chairman of several of its committees.

I was recently selected to be the nominee for NARUC's Second Vice President, a role from which I will move up to proudly represent Connecticut as NARUC's President.

On a day-to-day basis, I strive to adjudicate the spectrum of utility matters that come before PURA with an open mind, focusing on the law and weighing evidence carefully and conscientiously. I carry a full load of work and willingly take on additional assignments. Moreover, I have earned a reputation of being dedicated to fair and reasonable judgment.

Three plus years now into the fusion of the DPUC, OPM's energy division, and the former Department of Environmental Protection, Connecticut is at a critical juncture in terms of implementing Governor Malloy's Comprehensive Energy Strategy goals. In this effort, I enjoy a collegial and professional relationship with DEEP Commissioner Klee and his Energy Bureau policy team

My colleagues and I are committed to advancing the State's energy goals.

I am currently spearheading the work underway to create a Comprehensive Water Plan for Connecticut, and have taken a lead role on the recent natural gas expansion dockets.

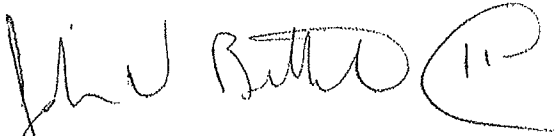
Be assured we will continue to follow the Governor's lead on energy and utility-related policy to fulfill his goal of cheaper, cleaner and more reliable energy for Connecticut's residents and businesses.

I believe that my record of accomplishment and dedicated service to Connecticut ratepayers underscores directly how valuable my reappointment would be to PURA and the state.

I hope that you look with favor upon my request for reappointment as Commissioner.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John W. Betkoski, III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "J" and "B".

John W. Betkoski, III

Vice Chairman

Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority